

OVER FLIRTING WITH G. O. P., SAYS DAVID LAWRENCE

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ditions imposed upon the central powers. As the United States is not in any form of preparation for a "continued" enforcement, our stance on these commissions would be for one of the following purposes:

(A)—To give moral and political support to the allied governments in Europe generally to their benefit. It is not to be conceived that in the present condition of the enemy that the use will require any physical assistance to the enforcement of their demands. In this event the United States will be lending itself to the political and financial interests of other governments during peace, a situation that must be entirely repulsive to national interests, traditions and ideals.

(B)—Another objective might be that we should remain in these commissions with a view to securing justice and moderation in the demands of the allies against the central empires. We would thus be thrust into the repulsive position of defender of our late enemy in order to secure what we would conceive to be constructive and statesmanlike rehabilitation in Europe. Our experience during the war would have shown us bitterly that we thus subject ourselves to complaint and attack from the allied governments and such a continued relationship should only breed the most acute international friction.

However goes on to say that the final result of our experience alone is that the Americans who sit on commissions, if they don't act, and assist in enforcing any judgments from various government judgments, become immediately and particularly subject to attack as being inimical to their interests and with the powerful engines of propaganda which they employ in Europe and in our own country, no such man can endure for long.

Hostile to British.

It was known to newspaper correspondents at the Paris peace conference that Mr. Hoover felt particularly bitter over what he believed to be a hostile British propaganda directed toward him, and I have no doubt that he had this in mind when he wrote the foregoing passage in his letter.

Mr. Hoover sees the league as "a strong and independent court of appeal that will have authority." He concludes with this observation: "I am convinced that there has grown up since the armistice the policy, perhaps unconscious, but nevertheless effective, of dragging the United States into every political and economic question in Europe and constantly endeavoring to secure pledges of economic and political support from us in return for our agreeing to matters which we consider for their common good, where we have no interest and constantly using us as a stalking horse economically and politically, solely in the interest of national political groups within the allied governments. Republicanism Proven."

These objectives and interests may be perfectly justified from their point of view, but if forces us into violations of every instinct and into situations that our own people will never stand.

For instance, I don't see how we can remain in these enforcement commissions unless we participate in the military enforcement, with its enormous cost and risk, and the tendency will always be to exact the political objective with the military strength of the United States as a background.

The foregoing is a conception of Americanism which has been so closely associated with Republicanism in the senate that regardless of the extreme point of view of Senators Borah and Johnson, it will probably find its way into the Republican platform at Chicago.

The Democrats are a bit disappointed—that is, the Wilson Democrats—to find Mr. Hoover not going along with the mind of the president on the league of nations, but there are plenty of Democrats who think the Hoover point of view harmonizes better with the Bryan idea and Western Democracy. They are not ready to give Mr. Hoover up as Republican. And the nonpartisan friends of Mr. Hoover only smile—they are slowly proving Mr. Hoover eligible for the Republican nomination, which they seem to think is a surer way to win, though it will be noticed they are not closing the door to a Democratic nomination altogether.

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TRAFFIC DELAYED BY FREIGHT WRECK

A freight wreck at Miller Miss, about 25 miles from Memphis on the Frisco railroad, Thursday caused considerable delay in traffic and late arrival of Birmingham passenger trains. Local offices had no information as to the cause of the wreck, but several cars were derailed, but no one was reported injured.

Passenger trains were routed into Memphis over the Illinois Central and Southern from Holly Springs, Miss.

Robber Secures Pistol And Coat

A gray overcoat and a pistol were the loot of a thief who robbed the apartment of Harry B. Wells, 368 East street, after prying open the front door. Wells reported the robbery Thursday.

Questionnaire Sent To Local Lumbermen

A questionnaire relative to the movement of lumber for export has been forwarded to all lumbermen in the city by the foreign trade and merchant marine committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The questionnaire was forwarded Thursday, and asks all exporters for dates of arrival of their shipments at ports, names of the line with which it was booked, date lifted by steamer, foreign destination, number of cars in the shipment and the name of the exporter.

Circulation of the questionnaire was authorized at the last meeting of the committee when the United States shipping board was criticized severely for its poor service to American exporters. The complaint at that meeting came principally from the cotton interests for Hugh Humphreys, chairman of the committee, directed that an investigation be made of service given lumber interests also.

All information will be sent to Sam D. Fuson, manager of the publicity for the Chamber of Commerce, who will compile the figures he receives and report to Mr. Humphreys. No names of shippers will be made public. After the data has been compiled efforts will be made to get better service from the shipping board. Resolutions condemning the policy of the shipping board and appealing to Senator McCellar and Congressman Fisher for better service were adopted at the last meeting of the committee.

Three Report Clothing Losses

R. L. Delano, 278 Adams avenue; George Jackson, 870 Indiana avenue, and Charles Henry, 277 1/2 Mulberry, reported the loss of minor articles of clothing Thursday.

LEAVE FOR OSCEOLA.

W. M. Hayley, secretary of the Memphis Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. E. R. Lloyd, director of the bureau of farm development of the Chamber of Commerce, will leave late Friday for Osceola, Ark., to aid in organizing a commercial club in the Mississippi county city. They will return to Memphis Saturday.

BIG GUN OF STREET RAILWAYS IN CITY

J. K. Newman, New Orleans, one of the directors of the American Cities company, spent Thursday in Memphis conferring with T. H. Tutwiler and other officials of the Memphis Street railway.

The American Cities company controls a majority of the stock of the Memphis company, and also owns the controlling interest in the street railway systems of New Orleans, Birmingham and Knoxville, as well as in several electric power and light companies.

Mr. Newman preferred not to make any statements as to the street railway situation generally or as to the future of the Memphis company, which has been owned by the Newman interests since the old companies were consolidated years ago.

Several officials from other cities in which the American Cities company has holdings met Mr. Newman here, including C. H. Harvey, president of the Knoxville Light and Power company. Mr. Harvey said that the Knoxville company lost money last year, in spite of an increase in the number of passengers carried.

JUDGE STEVENS TALKS TO MODERN WOODMEN

BRISTOL, Tenn., March 12. (Sp.)—Judge J. H. D. Stevens, of Nashville, was the principal speaker at a meeting of the local lodge of Modern Woodmen held yesterday. Judge Stevens made an interesting address, touching

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on the historical phase of the life of the Modern Woodmen of America. Others making addresses were: W. A.

Marsh, district deputy of East Tennessee; J. W. Hall and J. H. Howard. Plans were made at this meeting for

the campaign to be launched by the Grand Lodge for the members. Judge Stevens left for Kingsport and Elizabethton, where he is scheduled to make addresses before the Woodmen lodges in those towns.

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